

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: June 11, 2019  
Time: 6:00pm  
Place: Town Hall  
Egremont

Present at the table were Chair George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie.

Others in attendance: Rolfe Tessem, Mary McGurn, Marj Wexler, Susan Bachelder, Sarah Nicholson, Robert and Alexis Fakelmann, Rick Richardson, Colin Morris, Karen Watkins, Jenn Frederick, Zoe Hirsch, Adam Chait, Jen Brown, Jason LaForest, Steve Piersanti, Caroline Alexander, Pat Konecky, Corinna Barnard, and arriving for 7:30pm Ed Regendahl, Bill Wood, Elliott Snyder, Jeff Cohen, Jeremia Pollard, Eileen Vining, Helen Krancer, Ned Baldwin, Gregory Cherin and Jared Kelly.

It was announced that the meeting is video and audio recorded.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 28 and June 6 meeting were accepted.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

Susan Bachelder presented the board with information about the Historical Commissions new web page and invited the board to take a stroll through the site. She announced that the town's 244<sup>th</sup> birthday will take place on August 24, 2019 at April Hill on Route 41(formerly the Kellog House).

Steve Piersanti, and other residents from Sheffield Road, attended to express their concerns over excessive speeding on Sheffield Road following an accident in which a vehicle hit a home. Residents are seeking to slow down traffic, not necessarily ticket drivers. Jennifer Brown reported on traffic violations over the last few months. The Police Chief has suggested a speed table could possibly be installed to slow traffic down. He did not recommend speed bumps or humps. The Board promised to keep this as an active topic and to look at different means of slowing down traffic in that area.

Bruce Bernstein asked that the Board appoint a Trails/Greenway Committee to plan for the restoration the old Egremont Trolley line for recreational use. The Board voted unanimously to appoint the following: David Seligman, Lucinda Vermeulen, Bruce Bernstein, Pat Konecky, Patrick Riordan, Marshall Bouton, Lizzie Spalding, Will Conklin, and Ari Zorn.

Bruce Bernstein also brought up the topic of the town having a Mobility Manager. He felt that the Town could benefit from someone being thoughtful about how we get around, how we might get around more safely and effectively, and what the town could do to promote that, which includes walking, biking, and those in wheelchairs, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Jenn Frederick to the Bylaws Review Futures Committee.

The Board voted unanimously to re-appoint the following to the Council on Aging: Bruce Bernstein, Chet Delaney, Georgette Kinney, Eve Goldberg, Helen Krancer, Caroline Palmucci, Margaret Muskrat.

The Board approved the request of Sarah Nicholson to hold Yoga classes at the bandstand and other areas in French Park. She will start in July and will be on Wednesday mornings.

The Board accepted the resignation of Nick Keene from the Bylaw Reviews Futures Committee.

The Board postponed to June 25 making appointments to Town Board.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Board will await for further discussions at Planning Board meetings to consider the Accessory Dwelling Units bylaw.

The Department of Revenue has informed the Town that it cannot expend town funds on private ways for the build out of broadband. The Department of Revenue also has informed the Town that it cannot borrow for a broadband build out unless the town owns the network. These two issues will be discussed in further details at a June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

French Park: A new bench for the chapel site has been ordered, as has a handicapped accessible picnic table for the wooded area above the playground. The Board of Health has voted to ban smoking in all areas of the park and will purchase the signs to be posted in strategic locations. The Building Crew strongly suggests that the pickle ball court be constructed in the flat area next to the new Tennis Court. The remote control race track would be a total new construction as it was dismantled. The area in which the track was previously construction is behind the dog park which was not present at the time. The Park Committee will be hosting a movie night at the Park on August 24 to coincide with the town's birthday celebration.

Broadband: Town awaits budget information from Fiber Connect. Jeff Lazarus and Rolfe Tessem will be holding a telephone meeting with MBI to discuss the Action Plan for moving forward to obtain the Town's grant funding from MBI.

South Egremont School: The ADA upgrades are moving forward without an issues. The exterior lead paint remediation will take place after July 1. The fence and playground remain moving targets. The School Committee has announced that is will be forming a Committee to study the future of the South Egremont School.

#### SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Chairman McGurn will attend the interview of the leading candidate for the school district Business Administrator position on June 12 at 9am.

Police Chief Erik Josephson has informed the Office Administrator that he will use sick time and vacation time so that his actual last day of work in Egremont will be Friday, June 14, 2019.

The Board recessed its meeting at 7:21pm and returned to session at 7:30pm.

The Board held a discussion with members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, the Building Inspector and Legal Counsel to clarify jurisdiction over special permit authority over retail marijuana establishments. There was not a definitive finding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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